

I am writing to ask you to take all necessary action to stop FCC Chairman Michael Powell's proposed rule changes. I believe that the diverse information that is necessary for informed decision-making in a democracy REQUIRES a legal and regulatory structure that limits the power of information providers (i.e., media companies) and encourages diversity of ownership. The ownership of the U.S. media is already way too centralized.

If anything, I want you to work to force Mr. Powell to further restrict the power of these already bloated, irresponsible media conglomerates. There is no valid reason any company should be able to own more than one outlet or type of media in any one market, let alone nationally. As a citizen and consumer, I want more competition stemming from diverse media ownership. Michael Powell's shameless give away of the public's "airwaves" to the very companies/conglomerates that virtually all people I know criticize as producers of shallow, vapid, empty programming and products should be vigorously resisted and defeated. Please inform me what you are doing about this serious affront to our democracy.

Sincerely,

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